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THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF JENSEN'S RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES, INC.

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the Jensen's Residential Communities, Inc., as they celebrate 75 years as an exceptional provider of affordable homes.

Today, I would like to give my congratulations to the Jensen family for their success in establishing and managing communities of premier manufactured homes. I would also like to extend my gratitude on behalf of New Hampshire and its local communities for providing such an excellent combined example of quality and economy.

The Jensen Residential Communities began in 1927 by Mr. Kristian Jensen Sr. as one of the pioneering manufactured home communities in New Hampshire. Since its inception, the housing communities have spread across to seven eastern states, totaling 27 developments. There are currently five Jensen Residential Communities in New Hampshire alone.

I want to congratulate the Jensen family once again for an admirable entrepreneurial endeavor and a first-rate product. Thank you for your continuous pledge to meet the needs of the American family. It is an honor to represent you in the US Senate.●

DAVID BIBBER IS RETIRING AFTER A LIFETIME OF PUBLIC SERVICE

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to commend and congratulate David Bibber who is retiring as chief of Dover's Fire and Rescue.

Davis Bibber has been chief of Dover, NH, Fire and Rescue team since 1978 and has recently decided his position as chief is in need of some "new blood." Bibber was the new kid on the block when he began as a fireman at the Fairfax County fire department in 1962 at 18 years of age. David started as a volunteer and was permitted to live at the fire station while he finished school. After a few short years, David was granted a full-time job with the department. David's story is an inspirational example of the American dream; working his way up to the top.

On David's watch some major accomplishments have been achieved at Dover Fire and Rescue. Among them are the implementation of paramedic services, increased responsibility for emergency management services, greater enforcement of building codes, and an expansion in public education programs throughout the community pertaining to fire and safety. While David has been chief, Dover has also developed a central alarm system by combining the dispatch services for the police and fire department to lessen the response time for support.

Chief Bibber gives all the credit for his and the fire department's successes to his staff. He recognizes the hard work and dedication that each member of the team has offered in order to keep the city's rescue services running smoothly. David also recognizes the hard work that all city workers provide, respecting city counselors in particular for their pro bono duties and efforts to make the lives of Dover residents better.

Congratulations to Mr. David Bibber. I thank you, New Hampshire thanks you, and the city of Dover thanks you for serving the interests of the people with care and capability.●

TRIBUTE TO GEN. JOSEPH P. HOAR, U.S. MARINE CORPS, RETIRED

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate General Joe Hoar on the occasion of his retirement as Chairman of the Board of Directors of The Retired Officers Association, TROA.

Born in Boston, MA, General Hoar entered the Marine Corps as a Second Lieutenant in 1958, following his graduation from Tufts University. As an infantry officer, he commanded at all levels from platoon to regiment; he also commanded three Marine Corps Air Ground Task Forces. As a senior military officer, General Hoar became well-known to the members of the Armed Services Committee with his tours of duty as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans, Programs and Operations for the Marine Corps during the Gulf War, and, from 1991 to 1994, as the Commander in Chief, U.S. Central Command, the unified command that had the operational responsibilities for the Middle East, South Asia, and the Horn of Africa. He retired from active duty on September 1, 1994 after 37 years of commissioned service in the U.S. Marine Corps.

General Hoar's dedication to service and excellence has not diminished since leaving active duty. He served as a Trustee for the Center for Naval Analyses at Suffolk University in Boston, and as a Fellow of the World Economic Forum in Geneva, Switzerland. General Hoar was elected to TROA's board of directors in 1996. For the last two years, he served as TROA's Chairman of the Board, the position from which he is now retiring.

Through his stewardship, TROA continues to play a vital role as an advocate of legislative initiatives to maintain readiness and improve the quality of life for all members of the uniformed service community—active: reserve, and retired, plus their families and survivors.

General Hoar has been a strong supporter of the Senate's efforts to improve military readiness and quality-of-life through a competitive compensation package for active and reserve forces, improving health care for retired personnel and their families,

and enhancing protections for the survivors of deceased service members. Under his leadership, TROA has been an invaluable source of information during the Senate's deliberations on a long list of compensation and benefits issues during this extraordinarily productive period.

General Joe Hoar has been a leader in every sense of the word in the U.S. Marine Corps, in TROA, and in the entire military retiree community. I know my colleagues join me in extending very best wishes to General Hoar for continued success in service to his Nation and the uniformed service members whom he has so capably led and served.●

IN HONOR OF NATIONAL CHEESECAKE DAY

● Mr. DURBIN: Mr. President, today is a very special day for all Americans, but it is especially near and dear to the hearts of many residents of my home State of Illinois, because today has been designated as National Cheesecake Day.

Some may be tempted to dismiss National Cheesecake Day as another meaningless holiday. To those unenlightened few, I extend my sympathies. For you have truly missed out on one of life's sweetest pleasures. You see, in Illinois, especially in the greater Chicago area, National Cheesecake Day can only mean one thing, Eli's Cheesecake.

When long-time restaurateur and Chicagoan Eli Schulman founded Eli's: The Place for Steak Restaurant, one of his marquee offerings was a superb cheesecake. It quickly became one of Chicago's favorite desserts. So popular, in fact, that Eli's began producing it for other restaurants and retail outlets across the country. Eli's Cheesecake Company has now been a Chicago icon in its own right for more than 20 years.

Since its 1980 debut at the first Taste of Chicago, Eli's Cheesecake has grown to become the largest specialty cheesecake company in the country. In both 1993 and 1997, Eli's Cheesecake was selected to participate in the presidential inaugural festivities, they have supplied desserts on Air Force One for Presidents Reagan to Clinton, and Eli's Cheesecake provided the cake for the First Lady's birthday bash in 1997.

How does a humble homemade Chicago dessert go from after-dinner obscurity to gracing the plates of Presidents and First Ladies?

Actually, there are two answers. The first is the taste. If you've ever had a bite of an Eli's cheesecake, you'd know that there is nothing like it anywhere in the world. Eli's has taken great care to continue making each cheesecake by hand—the same way the very first one was made. This ensures each bite will have the rich, creamy Eli's taste so many have come to love.

The second is the spirit of Eli Schulman himself.

In 1910, a young man named Eli Schulman was born on Chicago's West

Side. Although Eli's father owned a bakery on Roosevelt Road, times were hard for the Schulmans.

Eli was forced to leave school and embark on a series of jobs to support his family, doing everything from selling newspapers, to peddling seat cushions at ballparks, to managing a shoe store and selling women's dresses.

In 1940, Eli decided to open his own restaurant called the Ogden Huddle. Soon after World War II breaks out, two signs appear in the restaurant's window. The first offers a 25 percent discount to men in uniform. The second simply states "If you are hungry and don't have any money, come in and we'll feed you free." This spirit of generosity was carried throughout Eli Schulman's life.

Following the war, in the 1940s and 50s Eli's business expands and his new restaurants become "hot spots" for both the Rush Street and Lake Shore Drive set. When in town, entertainers such as Barbara Streisand, pianist Bobby Short and comedian Sheky Green often can be found frequenting Eli's.

In 1966, Eli and his Wife Esther realized their dream of opening a white-tablecloth establishment, Eli's The Place for Steak, in what was then the luxury hotel The Carriage House. Eli's soon became the spot for celebrities and dignitaries to dine. Everyone from Frank Sinatra and Sammy Davis Jr. to Gayle Sayers of the Chicago Bears and comedian Henny Youngman, all began to make Eli's their place for steak.

In the late 1970s, following up on a suggestion from a customer about his dessert, Eli spent several weeks coming up with a recipe that pleases everyone. Eli's Cheesecake quickly became a marquee offering at Eli's the Place for Steak. In the next few years, this rich and creamy dessert became such a hit that Eli's began producing cheesecakes for other restaurants and retail outlets.

Although Eli Schulman passed away in 1988, a playground in Seneca Park, located across the street from Eli's the Place for Steak, has been dedicated to his memory. And Eli Schulman's spirit lives on in the company he started. His son, Marc Schulman and Marc's wife Maureen, are dedicated to providing their customers with products and services that live up to the name "Chicago's Finest."

Eli's Cheesecake now employs more than 200 associates, the company's growth has been dramatic, and its headquarters, Eli's Cheesecake World, is a 62,000 square-foot state-of-the-art bakery, visitor center, and cafe.

Today, the company makes more than 15,000 cheesecakes every day for sale to restaurants, supermarkets, and airlines. Eli's Cheesecakes are also available to the public via the company's thriving mail-order business and Web site.

In honor of this great day, I have brought a taste of Chicago to the U.S. Senate. Earlier today, I delivered a

sample of Eli's Cheesecakes to both the Democratic and Republican Cloakrooms for my colleagues to enjoy.

As we go about the Nation's business today, I hope that each of my colleagues will take a moment to enjoy the treats in the cloakrooms and ponder the words of a respected American writer who once proclaimed that cheesecake was the truest democratic dessert, it is a mix of different ingredients that did not care much for the presence of an upper crust.●

HONORING ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO UPON BEING SELECTED AS A 2002 NATIONAL CIVIC LEAGUE ALL- AMERICA CITY

● Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I rise to join the National Civic League in recognizing the city of Roswell, NM as a recipient of the 2002 All-America City award.

Roswell is one of the most fascinating cities in America. Perhaps Roswell's most notorious claim to fame is the 1947 "Roswell Incident," in which an alleged space craft is said to have crashed nearby. It was in Roswell that Dr. Robert H. Goddard chose to launch the first rockets into space, propelling him into history as the father of space exploration. The New Mexico Military Institute, noted for such distinguished alums as Roger Staubach, Sam Donaldson, and Conrad Hilton, has been training tomorrow's future leaders in the Roswell area since 1891. However, Roswell has much more to offer than stories about extraterrestrials.

The city has been at the forefront of local civic programs aimed at improving community standards. The Nothing Other Than Excellence, NOTE, program emphasizes how music appreciation can benefit reading and math abilities. A low-income dental program, the Community Dental Initiative, has provided a creative way to provide access to affordable dental needs by combining a mobile dental clinic with a permanent clinic helping to reach under-served people. In addition, the city has taken up my initiative to get schools and communities involved in character education. They have developed a citywide program involving schools, parents, churches, and the government to promote Character Counts, a program that stresses the importance of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, caring, citizenship, and fairness in young people's lives.

It is for their civic work that the National Civic League recognized Roswell as an All-America City. For the past 53 years, the National Civic League annually chooses 10 outstanding communities for their efforts to involve community members in innovative projects to address local challenges. I am pleased that Roswell has tried to create a better community through active public participation in civic activities.

Roswell's success is due to the active involvement of the community and

their willingness to make a difference in each other's lives. All of Roswell can bask in the honor of being selected as an All-America City. This could not have been achieved without everyone's support. I commend you all on your well deserved recognition.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:15 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5005. An act to establish the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 5005. An act to establish the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-8288. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Regulatory Law, Board of Veterans' Appeals, Department of Veterans' Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Board of Veterans' Appeals: Rules of Practice—Attorney Fee Matters" (RIN2900-A198) received on July 26, 2002; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-8289. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" (Doc. No. FEMA-7787) received on July 26, 2002; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8290. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's Annual Report for calendar year 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8291. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Force Management Policy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning the approval of the demonstration project plan for the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command (CECOM) Research, Development, and Engineering Community (RDEC); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8292. A communication from the Chairman, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reorganization of Definition of Contribution and Expenditure" received on July 26, 2002; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-8293. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Office of Procurement and Assistance Policy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled